

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides a combination, comprising an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with a  
5 selective inhibitor of COX-2, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is not celecoxib or valdecoxib. This invention also provides a method of treating a disease that is responsive to inhibition of MMP-13 and cyclooxygenase-2, comprising administering to a patient suffering from such a disease the invention combination comprising an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a  
10 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with a selective inhibitor of COX-2, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is not celecoxib or valdecoxib. This invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition, comprising the invention combination comprising an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with a selective inhibitor of COX-2, or a  
15 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is not celecoxib or valdecoxib, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient. This invention also provides a combination comprising an NSAID, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. This invention also provides a  
20 pharmaceutical composition, comprising the invention combination comprising an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with an NSAID, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient. This invention also provides a method of treating a disease that is responsive to inhibition of MMP-13  
25 and cyclooxygenase-1 or cyclooxygenase-2, comprising administering to a patient suffering from such a disease the invention combination comprising an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with an NSAID, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. The invention combinations may also be further combined with other pharmaceutical agents  
30 depending on the disease being treated.